

TWO RAILWAY TRAINS CRASH TOGETHER

Many Passengers Killed and Wounded at Volland, Kan.

BLUNDER OF BOY OPERATOR

Trains Which Were to Meet at a Station on the Rock Island Road Were Allowed to Pass on Single Track.

Topeka, Kan.—Thirty-five persons, all Mexicans but two, were killed and fifty-five persons were injured in a head-on collision of two passenger trains of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad near Volland. The wreck occurred while both trains were running slowly on a curve in a cut where the grade was steep. All the killed were in the south-bound train except a tramp, who was on the baggage car of the north-bound train. This tramp, a negro porter and a workman accompanying a gang of thirty-two Mexican laborers, were the only Americans killed so far as known, although passengers say that a woman and a child were burned in a tourist car.

There were thirty-two Mexicans and five Americans, composing a gang of railroad workers, in the smoking car of the south-bound train. Of these, thirty Mexicans were burned in the wreckage and two died later.

Nearly every passenger in the south-bound train was thrown to the car floor by the quick setting of the emergency brakes. The Mexicans were pinned under the seats and the doors were jammed so that they could not get out. Many passengers in the chair car were held down by the seats.

The train caught fire from the gas tanks, which were broken. The passengers in the rear cars escaped in night clothes, and dressed in the mud beside the tracks. Then came the cries for help from the Mexicans in the smoking car and the people pinned fast in the chair car. Every man and nearly every woman on the train tried to rescue the unfortunate, but the flames soon became too hot to permit of approaching the car.

The injured were removed from the chair cars with less difficulty, and apparently all were rescued alive from these cars. William Gane, conductor of the south-bound train, has a broken collar bone and is much bruised. He said:

"The train was just pulling clear of the Volland yards, and was traveling about thirty miles an hour. I dropped into the front seat of the smoker and dozed. There were thirty-two Mexicans, sitting two in a seat, back of me, also Al Link, a negro porter, a foreman and five other passengers. I was awakened by the setting of the brakes. I jumped head first out of the window and struck on my shoulder. When I turned and looked at the train I saw flames leaping fifty feet high from the smoker."

The foremost tourist sleeping car of the south-bound train was also burned, but all the occupants escaped serious injury.

Blame for the collision seems to rest entirely upon John Lynes, nineteen years old, the telegraph operator at Volland. Orders had been issued for No. 29 and No. 30 to pass at Volland, and these orders had been sent to the operator there, who was instructed to hold No. 29. It is said that he failed to deliver the order to the crew of No. 29, and the latter train went by, meeting No. 30 a few miles west. Five minutes before the trains met Lynes called up the dispatcher and wired him as follows:

"No. 29 has gone, and I have gone also."

Then he left his key. Even with this dispatch in hand there was no way of preventing the wreck. He was afterward arrested and put in jail at Volland.

FOUR BOYS KILLED.

Leaped Directly in Front of a Lehigh Flyer.

South Plainfield, N. J.—Elmer Dunn, Clarence Bennett, William E. Casey and William Bell, all of Newark, were killed by the breaking of a coupling pin on a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainfield. The boys were stealing a ride on a freight train and stepped off the train directly in front of the Chicago bound flyer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Casey, who was thirteen years old, was the son of the Newark freight agent of the Lehigh Valley road. The boys were playing on the tracks near South Plainfield when Bell proposed they take a trip to Plainfield on the freight train passing that point. They boarded the train and arrived at South Plainfield, when the coupling pin broke, stopping the freight train. Then the boys jumped off.

Gospel Meetings in Factories. It was announced that arrangements had been made for Gospel noon-day meetings in over two hundred New York shops during February.

Japan to Build Steel Works. Contracts had been placed in New York, it was learned, for the erection of big steel works for the Japanese Government.

Famine in China. Advances from Peking say that millions of persons are starving and that many of the refugees are joining the Boxers in order to obtain rice.

Hopeful of Cuba. Governor Magoon, at the New Year's reception in Havana, spoke hopefully of the future of Cuba.

Loan for Rio Janeiro. President Penna has authorized a loan to Rio Janeiro of \$50,000,000.

HUGHES' FIRST MESSAGE

Governor Asks Sweeping Reform of New York Transit Evils.

Advocates New Boards to Control Railways, Lighting and Street Car Lines—Recount For Hearst.

Albany, N. Y.—Transit reform for New York City, effective control and regulation of corporations by the State, a recount of the ballots cast in the Mayoralty election in New York in 1905 and changes in the election laws to eliminate or curb the power of political bosses are the principal subjects discussed in Governor Charles E. Hughes' first message to the New York Legislature.

So flatly does the new Governor throw down his challenge to corruption agents and party bosses that the message is privately criticized by some of them as "revolutionary."

The new Governor calls inflated stocks of public service corporations plain "water;" he terms abuse of the New York public plain outrage, and, without mincing words, lays the transit conditions to corporate greed and desire to increase dividends of a monopoly. He accuses party "leaders" of abuse of power and recommends legislation to make them respect the rights of the minority.

Governor Hughes began his first annual message to the Legislature with a financial statement which showed that the State received from all sources in the fiscal year ended September 30, 1906, a total of \$35,596,968, and spent \$30,350,096.

The actual available balance or surplus of State funds on October 1 was \$11,291,445. The State debt was reduced \$525,000 during the year and on October 1 amounted to \$10,630,660.

The following are the most important recommendations in the Governor's message:

Immediate provision for recount of Mayoralty vote and provision for recount of ballots in future.

Provision taking away from Attorney-General power to authorize bringing of action to test title to office and vesting it in Supreme Court.

Abolition of Rapid Transit Commission and creation of new board to have powers of old board and additional powers over all traffic "between points within the city and points elsewhere in the State."

New board also to have jurisdiction over gas and electricity corporations within New York City and perhaps in surrounding counties.

Abolition of Railroad Commission and Gas and Electricity Commission and creation of new board with powers of each of the old boards and additional powers to have jurisdiction in the rest of the State. New board to have power to inflict penalties for disobedience of its orders.

Provisions in Election law to free the split-ballot section from ambiguity and do away with the party column, bunching the candidates under the names of the offices.

Provisions limiting the amount a candidate may spend to secure office.

Law to authorize courts to review action of State conventions, to prevent minority gaining control by fraudulent methods.

Trial of direct nomination by primary by authorizing a general committee of any party to adopt the plan.

That the State Labor Department be overhauled and an eight-hour law passed for children less than sixteen years old.

Legislature Organized.

Albany, N. Y.—The Legislature, which has organized and squared away for business, is unique. All, or nearly all, the old lines and combines are obliterated. The Republican Senate faced a Democratic Lieutenant-Governor, who, speaking for the minority, echoed the declaration of Governor Hughes in favor of harmony and co-operation in the interest of the public service.

The Assembly re-elected James W. Wadsworth Speaker, Sherman Moreland, majority leader, and James Oliver, leader of the minority. Beyond the drawing of seats and listening to the reading of Governor Hughes' message, the Assembly did nothing.

McCREA SUCCEEDS CASSATT.

Pledged to the Policy of Former Pennsylvania Presidents.

Philadelphia.—James McCrea, first Vice-President of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to succeed the late Alexander J. Cassatt. Mr. McCrea was a stockholder in the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is said the directors of the Pennsylvania Company and other subsidiary corporations of the railroad will elect him as Mr. Cassatt's successor in those companies.

Mr. McCrea immediately assumed the duties of his position as president.

Total Potato Crop.

The final report of the potato crop of the country is placed at 3,013,050 acres, with an average yield of 102 bushels per acre and a total crop of 308,938,382 bushels, which compares with the total last year of 280,741,294 bushels.

Predicts Industrial Crisis.

Stuyvesant Fish, in an interview, predicted an industrial crisis.

Two Thousand Turkish Soldiers Dead.

A thousand Turkish soldiers, the remnant of about 4000 sent to the Nejd Peninsula two years ago to suppress the Arab revolt, have returned to Busch, Asiatic Turkey, in a deplorable condition. More than 2000 of their comrades died from disease or starvation and the rest deserted.

Pure Food Law in Effect.

The Federal Pure Food and Drugs law went into operation.

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

Cotton Growers Meeting.

Raleigh, Special.—At the meeting of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association 17 counties were represented, these being Anson, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Green, Halifax, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland, Union, Wake, Warren and Wayne. President Charles C. Moore said that it must not be thought that this was not a good showing. He complimented the personnel of the meeting. Secretary T. B. Parker read the proceedings of the last convention. The financial report showed receipts aggregating \$4,246. Mecklenburg led with \$652, with Union second \$499. Of it \$1,700 was raised from 100 known men.

Charters Granted.

A charter has been granted the Pilot Cotton Mill, at Raleigh, capital stock \$500,000, to make yarn cloth, half the stock to be preferred if desired, all the stockholders being of the Williamson family. Headed by James N. Williamson and William H. Williamson, the mill has been in operation some years.

Charters were granted the Alexander Chair Company, Taylorsville, capital stock \$25,000, E. J. Herriek and others stockholders; the Daner Supply Company, Hendersonville, general merchandise, capital \$10,000; Kramer Brothers, Elizabeth City, capital \$1,000,000, John A. Rankin and other stockholders. The Standard Chair Company, Thomasville, is authorized to increase capital stock from \$25,000 to \$125,000.

Killed in Oil Mill.

Clayton, Special.—Vernon Ellis, aged 18, son of the chief of police of the place, and employed at the Clayton Oil Mill, was killed and horribly mangled by the shafting in the mill Monday night about 6 o'clock. The last known of Ellis is that he had gone to the upper story of the building to work on some bearings, when, it is supposed, he was caught in the machinery and ground to death before any one knew of his whereabouts. When he was discovered both legs were chopped into bits. He lived about two hours but never regained consciousness.

Cullowhee Copper Mines Shut Down.

Asheville, Special.—Information has been received here that the Cullowhee copper mines of Jackson county have been shut down and 50 men have been thrown out of employment. Fifteen families will be affected by the shutting down. No reason is given for the suspension of operations. It is stated that the mines are very rich and that a sufficient amount of ore is stored on the premises to reimburse the company for all its outlay.

Dog Attacked Children.

Spencer, Special.—A rabid dog attacked the children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fesperman in Spencer and it was by the most heroic efforts of Mrs. Fesperman that the dog was beten off and looked in a room. Later it broke out at a window and was killed by Mr. Fesperman, who was attracted to his home by the cries of his wife. The encounter with the dog was a desperate one.

Negro Kills Another.

Spencer, Special.—Shelly Leazer, colored, was instantly killed near Spencer by John Buller, also colored, and a brother-in-law. The latter claims the shooting was accidental, but he was sent to jail to await an investigation of the killing. Leazer's head was shot off with a shot-gun while at the supper table. The coroner made an investigation.

Growers Allege Fraud.

Washington, Special.—Charges of fraud were filed with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingston, of Georgia, and Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, of Atlanta. On the charges they filed they base a request that the Postoffice Department issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange in order to bar them from the use of the United States mails in conducting what the charges term fraudulent practices.

Fire at Jackson.

Jackson, Special.—The residence of L. E. Talbot, on Talbot avenue, was burned. The house was in a light flame when the family were awakened, and had barely time to escape. Mrs. Talbot, who was ill, was prostrated by the excitement and narrow escape, and was in a critical condition for several hours. The residence and household goods were partly covered by insurance.

PERSONNEL OF LEGISLATURE

There is One Independent in the Lower House Only Four Republican Senators.

Below is printed a list of the members of the General Assembly.

In the list below the Democratic members are not marked. The Republicans are designated by the letter "R" after their names, and the one independent has the letter "I" after his name.

It will be seen that there will be four Republicans in the Senate and twenty-one Republicans and one independent in the House.

The list as it has been given to the State printer, is to be issued for the convenience of the capitol officials, and is as follows:

Senate.

First District—Foscoe W. Turner, Elizabeth City; A. P. Godwin, Gatesville.

Second District—Harry W. Stubbs, Williamston; R. B. Etheridge, Mantoe.

Third District—C. W. Mitchell, Aulander.

Fourth District—W. E. Daniel, Weldon.

Fifth District—W. Stamps Howard, Tarboro.

Sixth District—J. L. Fleming, Greenville.

Seventh District—T. T. Thorne, Rocky Mount; J. D. Dawes, Elm City.

Eighth District—Y. T. Ormond, Kinston; J. W. Burton, Jacksonville.

Ninth District—B. F. Aycock, Fremont.

Tenth District—Thomas Peratt, Faison.

Eleventh District—George H. Belamy, El Paso.

Twelfth District—Jackson Greer, Whiteville.

Thirteenth District—N. A. McLean, Lumberton.

Fourteenth District—J. W. McLaughlin, Raeford.

Fifteenth District—T. W. Harrington, Harrington; C. M. Wilson, Wilson's Mills.

Sixteenth District—John C. Drevry, Raleigh.

Seventeenth District—Tasker Polk, Warrenton.

Eighteenth District—A. A. Hicks, Oxford.

Nineteenth District—J. W. Graham, Hillsboro; C. H. King, Blackwells.

Twentieth District—R. D. Reid, Wentworth.

Twenty-first District—J. Allen Holt, Oak Ridge.

Twenty-second District—A. A. F. Seawell, Jonesboro; J. R. Rives Goldston.

Twenty-third District—J. R. Blair, Troy.

Twenty-fourth District—J. S. Elford, Albemarle; R. B. Redwine, Monroe.

Twenty-fifth District—H. N. Pharr, Charlotte; W. R. Odell, Concord.

Twenty-sixth District—Whitehead Klutz, Salisbury.

Twenty-seventh District—J. C. Buxton, Winston-Salem.

Twenty-eighth District—J. Guy Carter (R.), Hamptonville.

Thirtieth District—Zeb V. Long, Statesville.

Thirty-first District—J. F. Reinhardt, R. F. D., Stanly.

Thirty-second District—O. F. Mason, Dallas.

Thirty-third District—W. A. Mauney, King's Mountain; T. T. Balingier, Tryon.

Thirty-fourth District—W. F. Wood, Marion; B. F. Davis, Morganton.

Thirty-fifth District—E. F. Lovill, Boone.

Thirty-sixth District—J. E. Burlison (R.), Marshall.

Thirty-seventh District—C. A. Webb, Asheville.

Thirty-eighth District—W. E. Brees, Jr., Brevard.

Thirty-ninth District—Allen H. Dickey (R.), Cuthbertson.

House.

Alamance—Dr. J. A. Pickett, (R.), Burlington R. F. D.

Alexander—A. L. Watts, Taylorsville.

Alleghany—R. A. Doughton, Sparta Anson—J. A. Lockhart, Wadesboro.

Ashe—G. L. Park, Jefferson.

Beaufort—W. K. Jacobson, Washington; B. F. Hooker, Idaho.

Bertie—Thomas Gilliam, Windsor.

Bladen—F. D. McLean, Bladenboro.

Brunswick—C. Ed. Taylor, (R.), Southport.

Buncombe—Zebulon Weaver, Asheville; R. J. Gaston, Candler.

Burke—J. T. Avery, Morganton.

Cabarrus—M. B. Sickle, Concord.

Caldwell—W. N. Harshaw (R.), Lenoir.

Camden—D. H. Tillett, Shiloh.

Carteret—M. L. Davis, Beaufort.

Caswell—Julius Johnson, Yanceyville.

Catawba—M. H. Yount, Hickory.

Chatham—H. M. London, Pittsboro.

Chester—S. W. Davidson, Tomotla.

Chowan—C. S. Vann, Edenton.

Clay—Dr. R. T. Coleman, (R.), Hayesville.

Cleveland—O. M. Mull, Shelby.

Columbus—Donald McRackan, Whiteville.

Craven—W. C. Brewer, Vanceboro.

Cumberland—Dr. J. W. McNeill, Hope Mills; H. H. Bolton, Fayetteville.

Currituck—Pierce Hampton, Materrilly.

Dare—C. R. Pugh, (I.), Wanchese.

Davidson—G. F. Hankins, Lexington.

Davie—A. T. Grant, (R.), Mocks

Duplin—H. D. Williams, Kenansville.

Durham—J. S. Manning, Durham.

Edgecombe—Dr. M. B. Pitt, Old Sapria; P. C. Vestal, Rocky Mount.

Forsyth—W. T. Carter, Winston-Salem; R. I. Cox, Rural Hall R. F. D.

Franklin—T. W. Bickett, Lenoir.

Gaston—A. G. Mangun, Gastonia; F. Dilling, King's Mountain.

Gates—R. W. Simpson, Trotville.

Graham—W. W. Fleming, Ribbinsville.

Granville—B. S. Royster, Oxford.

Greene—Swift Galloway, Snow Hill.

Guilford—E. J. Justice, Greensboro; Dr. J. R. Gordon, Jamestown.

Halifax—A. P. Kitchin, Scotland Neck; J. B. Neal, Scotland Neck.

Harnett—J. C. Clifford, Dunn.

Haywood—D. L. Boyd, Waynesville.

Henderson—W. C. Rector, (R.), Hendersonville.

Hertford—B. B. Winborne, Marfeesboro.

Hyde—Claud W. Davis, Engelhard.

SPARROWS' AID TO THE INJURED. This morning as a sparrow was flying about it became caught in the window sill over the English Kitchen and held prisoner by the foot. In a short time other sparrows came to its aid and tried to free it. Finally, one bird caught the prisoner by the wing and a third bird held the wing of the second until a number were engaged in the work. But all their efforts were in vain. A large number of persons were attracted by the sight and at last Mr. McGee went up and released the small bird, which flew away rejoicing.

GOLDEN SILENCE.

Mother—You're very fond of your dolly, aren't you, dear?
Little Mary—Yes, she's nicer than anybody else I know.
Mother—Oh, no; she's not nicer than your mamma, surely.
Little Mary—Yes, she is; 'cause she don't never 'strub me when I'm talkin'—Catholic Standard and Times.

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